

Child Care and Development Fund
FACT SHEET
September, 2006
Montana

Caseload

- 5,360 children were served this month in this program
- 3,141 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 14.6% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 24.0% of all families served

Children

- 87.8% of children were served in licensed care
- 9.7% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 126 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 27.3% of all children served
- White children accounted for 81.5% of all children served

Families

- 85.9% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.8% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 87.0% of families were headed by a single parent
- 13.8% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$322 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 10.7% of the cost and the program paid 89.3%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$382
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$208
- 82.4% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Daniels County at \$480 per child
- Madison County ranks first in relative care statewide with 100.0% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Roosevelt County, where 42.3% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF